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PART I - QUARTERLY REPORT (OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 1974)

SUMMARY

ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT BORDER PATROL POLICE IN CHIANG MAI PROVINCE  
MADE THE LARGEST NARCOTICS SEIZURE OF THE YEAR IN OCTOBER WHEN  
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THEY INTERCEPTED A CARAVAN CARRYING OVER 1,000 KILOGRAMS OF

OPIUM AND ABOUT 50 KGS OF MORPHINE BASE AND HEROIN #3. THREE REFINERIES, INCLUDING THE LARGEST EVER FOUND IN THAILAND, WERE ALSO RAIDED IN NORTHERN THAILAND DURING THE QUARTER. IN MID-OCTOBER THE FIRST EVIDENCE OF HASHISH OIL MANUFACTURING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WAS DISCOVERED WHEN THAI POLICE RAIDED A SOPHISTICATED LABORATORY IN BANGKOK AND ARRESTED THREE AMERICANS.

NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT INCOME SUBSTITUTION PROJECTS CONTINUED TO MOVE AHEAD DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF 1974. IN OCTOBER THE AMBASSADOR PARTICIPATED IN THE OPENING OF THE AID FINANCED WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AT SITE B OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM FOR DRUG ABUSE (UNPDAC) CROP RESEARCH STATION IN NORTHERN THAILAND. ALSO IN OCTOBER, A US FINANCED TEAM REPORT ON THE DESIGN OF THE PROPOSED HIGHLAND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION IN NORTHERN THAILAND WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT (RTG). THE AID - SUPPORTED AERIAL SURVEY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE RTG AND A PRIVATE AMERICAN FIRM WAS SIGNED DURING THE QUARTER. A PROBLEM WITH FLIGHT CLEARANCES, HOWEVER, HAS DELAYED THE SURVEY, AND IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT IT CAN BE PERFORMED. END SUMMARY

1. PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING:

A. PRODUCTION - NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE HAS BEEN NOTED SINCE THE LAST QUARTERLY REPORT. HILLTRIBE PEOPLE IN THE NORTH ARE WAITING TO HARVEST THEIR 74/75 POPPY CROP WHICH PROBABLY WILL BE READY IN EARLY 1975. UNSEASONABLE RAINS IN JANUARY HAVE DAMAGED PART OF THE CROP. THE 1975 CROP IS STILL LIKELY TO BE AT LEAST AS LARGE AS LAST YEAR'S, HOWEVER, SINCE THERE IS INCREASED ACREAGE UNDER CULTIVATION THIS YEAR.

B. PROCESSING - THE FIRST EVIDENCE OF HASHISH OIL MANUFACTURING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA CAME TO LIGHT WITH THE ARREST OF THREE AMERICANS IN BANGKOK IN MID-OCTOBER, 1974. THE MEN WERE OPERATING A SOPHISTICATED HASHISH OIL LABORATORY IN A BANGKOK SUBURBAN RESIDENCE AND WERE FOUND WITH MORE THAN EIGHT KILOS OF BOTTLED HASHISH OIL. THEY SAID THEY INTENDED TO SELL IT IN SWITZERLAND.

2. TRAFFICKING TRENDS: IN BANGKOK, THERE WAS A READY SUPPLY OF MOST FORMS OF NARCOTICS. STREET LEVEL DRUG PUSHERS, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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ARE DECIDEDLY CAUTIOUS IN THEIR DEALINGS, FEARING UNDERCOVER POLICE BUY AND BUST OPERATIONS WHICH ARE BEING VIGOROUSLY CARRIED OUT BY THE METROPOLITAN NARCOTIC UNIT (MNU) AND POLICE NARCOTIC SUPPRESSION CENTER (PNSC).

IN THE TRI-BORDER AREA, RTG AND GUB ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS DURING 1973-1974, HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PREVENTING MOST KNOWN LARGE CARAVAN SHIPMENTS OF OPIUM FROM MAKING DIRECT DELIVERIES INTO THAILAND.

OPIUM DELIVERIES ARE OFTEN CARRIED OUT BY HUMAN PORTERS, FREQUENTLY MOVING AT NIGHT TO AVOID INTERCEPTION, AND USUALLY ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR OWN ARMED ESCORTS. OPIUM TRANSACTIONS NOW TAKE PLACE ON THE BURMESE SIDE OF THE BORDER, FOR THE MOST PART, AT SCATTERED POINTS ALONG THE BORDER BETWEEN MAE HONG SON AND FANG, RATHER THAN AT THE TRADITIONAL TRADING TOWNS OF TACHILEK AND MAE SAI. THE BUYER HAS TO ASSUME THE COST AND RISK OF HIRING PORTERS FROM LOCAL VILLAGES TO JOURNEY TO THE CACHE SITE AND RETRIEVE THE GOODS. THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE ENFORCEMENT SUCCESSES OF 1973 AND EARLY 1974. IT IS LIKELY THAT THIS PATTERN OF SCATTERED AND DIVERSIFIED DELIVERIES OF OPIUM WILL CONTINUE. OPIUM GROWING CONTINUES UNABATED WITH HIGHER PRICES THAN EVER BEFORE BEING PAID TO THE HILLTRIBE GROWERS. DEMAND FOR OPIATES REMAINS HIGH, IN THE AREA, ALTHOUGH THERE IS INCREASING RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF MANY BUYERS TO DEAL AS OPENLY AS BEFORE. IT APPEARS THAT AS A DIRECT COROLLARY, THE JOB OF NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE TOUGHER THAN EVER.

3. ENFORCEMENT: A. THE MAJOR SEIZURE OF THE QUARTER OCCURRED IN OCTOBER WHEN THE BPP INTERCEPTED A CARAVAN CARRYING OVER 1,000 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM, 28 KILOS OF HEROIN NO. 3 AND 21 KILOS OF MORPHINE BASE. REFINERIES ALSO CONTINUED TO BE THE TARGET OF BPP/SNO EFFORTS IN THAILAND. THE LARGEST HEROIN REFINERY EVER FOUND IN THAILAND, ACCORDING TO THE THAI POLICE, WAS RAIDED IN LATE DECEMBER, AND TWO OTHERS WERE IMMOBILIZED EARLIER IN THE QUARTER. ALL THREE WERE IN THE RUGGED HILLS ALONG THE THAI-BURMA BORDER. RTG PRESS AND DEA REPORTS RELATE TOTAL OF NINE LABORATORIES HAVE BEEN PUT OUT OF BUSINESS IN THAILAND DURING 1974, SEVEN OF THEM LOCATED IN THE TRI-BORDER AREA.

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B. FOLLOWING ARE THE RTG CENTRAL NARCOTICS BOARD SEIZURE STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER (NOT AVAILABLE FOR LAST QUARTERLY), OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER (FIGURES FOR DECEMBER ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE):

SEPTEMBER: 112 KILOS OPIUM; 6 KILOS MORPHINE; 9 KILOS HEROIN.

OCTOBER: 1266 KILOS OPIUM; 24 KILOS MORPHINE; 32 KILOS HEROIN.

NOVEMBER: 10 KILOS OPIUM; LESS THAN ONE KILO MORPHINE; 12 KILOS HEROIN.

(NOTE: CNB FIGURES ARE USEFUL INDICATORS OF OVERALL NARCOTICS SEIZURES IN THAILAND, BUT THEIR ACCURACY IS OFTEN AFFECTED BY (1) INCLUSION OF CONTAINER WEIGHT; (2) NO FOLLOW-UP CORRECTION OF ESTIMATES IN THE ORIGINAL REPORT; (3) FAILURE OF THE RTG

NATION-WIDE REPORTING SYSTEM TO REPORT ACCURATELY AND COMPLETELY  
TO THE CNB; AND (4) PROBABLE CONFUSION AS TO THE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN MORPHONE AND HEROIN.)

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#### C. SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES

(1) SEPTEMBER 28; A JOINT PNSC/THAI CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION  
LED TO THE ARREST OF ONE DEFENDANT AS HE DELIVERED THREE  
SUITBASES CONTAINING 11.2 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN NO. 4 AND  
21 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM TO THE BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT. PROSECUTION IS PENDING.

(2) SEPTEMBER 28; SNO OFFICERS IN A JOINT PROVINCIAL  
POLICE EFFORT SEIZED 3.6 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN NO. 4 AND  
ARRESTED FOUR DEFENDANTS. PROSECUTION IS PENDING.

(3) OCTOBER 3; SNO OFFICERS ARRESTED ONE DEFENDANT AND SEIZED 51.4 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM AT MAE RIM, CHIANG MAI PROVINCE. PROSECUTION IS PENDING.  
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(4) OCTOBER 16; SNO OFFICERS AT FANG SEIZED 16 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM AND ARRESTED ONE DEFENDANT. PROSECUTION IS PENDING.

(5) OCTOBER 17; BPP OFFICERS SCORED THEIR LARGEST OPIUM SEIZURE OF THE YEAR WHEN THEY INTERCEPTED A CARAVAN. SEIZED WERE 1118 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM, 27.7 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN NO. 3, AND 21 KILOGRAMS OF MORPHINE BASE. NO DEFENDANTS WERE ARRESTED.

(6) OCTOBER 21; MNU OFFICERS CULMINATED A TWO-WEEK LONG SURVEILLANCE OF A RESIDENCE IN THE RAID AND SEIZURE OF A WORKING HASHISH OIL LABORATORY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BANGKOK. THREE AMERICANS WERE ARRESTED. EIGHT KILOGRAMS OF LIQUID HASHISH OIL WERE FOUND AT THE SITE. PROSECUTION IS PENDING.

(7) OCTOBER 29; DURING A HIATUS IN THE JOINT USG/THAI SURVEILLANCE OF A SMUGGLING VENTURE, PNSC OFFICERS SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED FOR THE SEIZURE OF 3.5 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN NO. 4 AND THE ARREST OF THREE DEFENDANTS. PROSECUTION IS PENDING.

(8) NOVEMBER 14; THREE DEFENDANTS WERE ARRESTED AS THEY DELIVERED 4.2 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN NO. 4 TO THE PNSC UNDERCOVER OFFICERS AT BANGKOK. PROSECUTION IS PENDING.

(9) NOVEMBER 20; A BPP EFFORT (COORDINATED WITH SNO) SEIZED AN ACTIVE HEROIN NO. 4 LABORATORY CONTAINING 50 LITERS OF LIQUID HEROIN NO. 4. NO DEFENDANTS WERE FOUND AT THE LABORATORY SITE.

(10) DECEMBER 5; SNO OFFICERS RAIDED AND SEIZED 3 KILOGRAMS OF PITZU (A BASE FORM OF MORPHINE) AT A SMALL MORPHINE REFINERY. NO DEFENDANTS WERE ENCOUNTERED.

(11) DECEMBER 31; BPP OFFICERS (IN COORDINATION WITH SNO) SEIZED AN ACTIVE HEROIN NO. 4 LABORATORY WITH 40 KILOGRAMS OF LIQUID HEROIN NO. 4. THE VIOLATORS ENGAGED THE POLICE IN A FIRE-FIGHT ESCAPING WITH APPROXIMATELY 42 ADDITIONAL KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN NO. 4. ALL SUSPECTS FLED THROUGH THE DENSE JUNGLE COVERAGE.  
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D. ENFORCEMENT (AID)

THE PROMANCIAL POLICE ESTABLISHED A REGIONAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM AND 16 LOCAL NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT TEAMS (EACH CONSISTED OF FIVE MEN) IN PROVINCIAL POLICE REGION V (CHIANG MAI). PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN SELECTED, LOCATIONS DESIGNATED, AND PLANNED EQUIPMENT SUPPORT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY 1975 TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE TEAMS. COORDINATION MECHANISMS WITH SNO AND THE BPP HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED. THIS PILOT PROJECT WILL BE CAREFULLY EVALUATED IN FY 76 TO DETERMINE IF IT IS PRACTICAL AND DESIRABLE TO EXPAND THE CONCEPT IN THE FUTURE TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF OTHER LOCATIONS IN THAILAND.

E. TRAINING (DEA) - DEA/NTI (NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE) INSTRUCTORS CONDUCTED A TWO-WEEK NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT COURSE IN BANGKOK DURING NOVEMBER 11-22, 1974, ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 60 TNPD ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND MEN. DEA AGENTS FROM THE CHIANG MAI DISTRICT OFFICE CONDUCTED A SERIES OF NARCOTICS TRAINING COURSES AT SNO GARRISONS IN NORTHERN THAILAND, STRESSING REPORTS WRITING, FIELD TESTING OF NARCOTICS, INFORMANT HANDLING AND TRAFFICKING PATTERNS.

4. INCOME SUBSTITUTION

A. UNPDAC-

THE RED KIDNEY BEAN CROP, PLANTED IN UN KEY VILLAGES IN OCTOBER, WAS DOING WELL AT THE END OF THE QUARTER, BUT UNSEASONABLE RAINS IN JANUARY HAVE CAUSED SOME DAMAGE TO THE CROP. THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH UNPDAC/CHIANG MAI ESTIMATES IT IS LESS THAN 30 PERCENT.

UNPDAC OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE WITH MARKETING. FOR EXAMPLE, DESERT SEED COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA SENT A SEED SPECIALIST TO CHIANG MAI IN OCTOBER AND IS WILLING TO BUY SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF VEGETABLE SEED IF QUALITY CONTROL STANDARDS ARE MET. THE DESERT SEED REPRESENTATIVE PLANS TO RETURN IN EARLY 1975 TO CHECK QUALITY CONTROL.

IN OCTOBER AMBASSADOR KINTNER ATTENDED THE GRADUATION OF THE  
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UNPDAC'S FIRST TRAINING CLASS OF HILLTRIBESMEN AT THE CHANG KHIAN STATION. TWENTY-THREE HILLTRIBESMEN COMPLETED THE TEN MONTH COURSE WHICH STRESSED AGROTECHNICS, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND OTHER SUBJECTS SUCH AS HYGIENE AND HEALTH. LESSONS IN THE THAI LANGUAGE WERE ALSO GIVEN TO TRAINEES. THE TRAINEES HAVE RETURNED

TO THEIR HOME VILLAGES AND IN MOST CASES WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY  
WITH UNPDAC AND THE KING'S PROJECT.

B. HIGHLAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (AID) -

(1) HIGHLAND DATA (AERIAL SURVEY);  
THE RTG DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION SIGNED  
A CONTRACT WITH LYONS, INC. TO COMMENCE FLYING ON DEC. 1, 1974.  
LYONS, INC. MOBILIZED IN PREPARATION TO FLY, HOWEVER,  
CLEARANCE HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED BY THE RTG MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.  
(SEE BANGKOK 1320 FOR LATEST ASSESSMENT.)

(2) HIGHLAND AGRICULTURE RESEARCH STATION;

THE DESIGN TEAM REPORT ENTITLED "RESEARCH PROGRAM DESIGN FOR  
THE HIGHLANDS AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION" WAS DISTRIBUTED  
TO THE RTG FOR REVIEW ON OCTOBER 16, 1974. A FINAL PROJECT  
PAPER (PP) TO BE PREPARED JOINTLY WITH MOAC IS SCHEDULED  
TO BE SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON FOR REVIEW IN MARCH.

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(3) HIGHLAND PRESERVED FOOD;

EQUIPMENT FOR ONE CANNING FACTORY (FY 73 PROCUREMENT) ARRIVED IN DECEMBER AND IS BEING INSTALLED IN MAE CHAN, CHIANG RAI PROVINCE. AN ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT PACKAGE FOR ANOTHER CANNERY IN CHIANG MIA IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN APRIL 1975.

(4) ZONAL DEVELOPMENT;

A DRAFT PROJECT REVIEW PAPER (PRP) HAS BEEN PREPARED AND REVIEWED BY THE US MISSION. DISTRIBUTION WAS MADE TO THE RTG AND OTHER AGENCIES ON JANUARY 13, 1975 FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO WASHINGTON. THE RTG DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ARE CONDUCTING FIELD SURVEYS WITH US FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TO PROVIDE SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CONFIDENTIAL

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GEOPHYSICAL DATA NECESSARY FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECT PLAN-  
NING.

(5) MINT PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING;

APPLIED SCIENCE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THAILAND (ASRCT) IS COMPLETING THE HARVESTING AND DISTILLING OF 1974 WET SEASON EXPERIMENTAL MINT CROPS AT THE HIGHLAND LOCATIONS. CULTIVATION, HARVESTING AND DISTILLING DATA IS BEING RECORDED AND USED BY ASRCT TO DETERMINE AGRONOMIC AND ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF MINT AS A HILLTRIBE SUBSTITUTE CROP. FINAL PROCESSING TESTS WILL BE COMPLETED BY ASRCT IN EARLY 1975 AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A REPORT ANALYZING THE RESULTS OF THE EXPERIMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON FURTHER ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.

(6) DOI SAM MUEN PILOT REFORESTATION PROJECT;

BY DECEMBER, ALL POST-PLANTING WORK, FIRE-BREAKS, AND FENCING ON THE 200 RAI WATERSHED PROJECT WAS COMPLETED. ANTICIPATING POSITIVE RESULTS FROM THE PILOT PROJECT THE ROYAL FORRESTRY DEPARTMENT (RFD) HAS STARTED TO LOCATE AND ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL NURSERIES TO EXPAND THE PROJECT AREA IN 1975. ISSUES UNDER STUDY ARE THE EXTENT TO WHICH HILLTRIBE LABOR CAN BE INCREASED, AND IF THE PROJECT EXPANDS, THE TYPE OF PAYMENTS EFFECTED FOR SUCH LABOR; I.E., CONTRACT VERSUS DAILY WAGES, OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH.

AN RTG REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE BY AID OF A SIMILAR PILOT REFORESTATION PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY RFD IN COOPERATION



WITH THE KING'S PROJECT IN 1974 AT DOI ANG KHANG IS BEING PROCESSED.

(7) SITE B WATER SUPPLY SUSTEM;

IN OCTOBER THE AMBASSADOR OPENED THE USOM FINANCED WATER SYSTEM AT THE UNPDAC SITE B. THEY SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE WATER FOR CROPS BEING TESTED AS POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTUES FOR OPIUM.

(8) USDA SUPPORTED RESEARCH;

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DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER, NO NEW PROJECTS WERE FUNDED.

#### 5. TREATMENT/REHABILITATION/EDUCATION

A. THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL (REGION 310) HELD A NATIONAL EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE DURING OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER. ONE WEEK OF ACTIVITIES, DIRECTED PRIMARILY AT STUDENTS, WAS HELD IN EACH OF 36 PROVINCES. THE RTG CENTRAL NARCOTICS BOARD, WHICH HELPED IN THE PLANNING, ALSO SUPPORTED THE CAMPAIGN BY PROVIDING FILMS, PHAMPLETS, SLIDES AND EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS.

B. AT THE REQUEST OF THE CENTRAL NARCOTICS BOARD, USIS MADE THREE COPIES OF A THAI STUDENT-PRODUCED FILM ON THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE. THE FILM, "A DARK LIFE", IS BEING USED EXTENSIVELY BY CNB IN ITS DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM AT SCHOOLS AND IS ALSO USED IN POLICE TRAINING CLASSES.

C. IN DECEMBER, THE UNPDAC RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FROM DR. SOMSONG KANCHANAHUTA, DIRECTOR OF TANYARAK HOSPITAL, TO GO AHEAD WITH PLANS TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF A YOUTH WARD AT THE HOSPITAL AND A DOWNTOWN EARLY RECEPTION CENTER UNDER TANYARAK SUPERVISION. THE PROPOSED PROJECTS, HOWEVER, STILL MUST BE APPROVED BY GENEVA. UNPDAC IS ALSO CONSIDERING SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORTHERN TREATMENT CENTER, LOCATED SOMEWHERE NEAR CHIANG MAI. THE DECISION ON WHETHER TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT HAS STILL NOT BEEN MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.

6. REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION: THERE WERE NO REGIONAL OR MULTILATERAL MEETINGS DURING THE QUARTER AND NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT A UN REGIONAL NARCOTICS LIAISON OFFICER, MADE BY THE UN CONFERENCE HELD IN BANGKOK IN SEPTEMBER, STILL HAS NOT BEEN ACTED ON, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL CANDIDATES ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

7. ABUSE: BY THE END OF THE QUARTER IT WAS CLEAR THAT A

GRADUAL CHANGE IN ABUSE PATTERNS HAD TAKEN PLACE IN 1974. IN THE BANGKOK METROPOLITAN AREA, ABUSE OF HEROIN #3 HAS BEEN REPLACED BY ABUSE OF HEROIN #4, WHICH ADDICTS NOW INJECT RATHER THAN SMOKE. HEROIN #4 IS CURRENTLY SELLING AT BANGKOK FOR \$3,750 TO \$4,000 PER KILOGRAM TO WHOLESALE DEALERS.

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8. EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES: AMBASSADOR SHELDON B. VANCE, SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE SECRETARY AND COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS MATTERS, VISITED THAILAND, NOVEMBER 25-28. AMBASSADOR VANCE REVIEWED US MISSION AND RTG ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES AND VISITED THE THAI/UN CROP SUBSTITUTION RESEARCH STATION AND A UN KEY VILLAGE IN CHIANG MAI PROVINCE. RTG AND UNPDAC OFFICIALS WERE PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AMBASSADOR VANCE AND DISCUSS THEIR PROGRAMS AND FOUND HIS VISIT VERY VALUABLE.

THE LAST QUARTER OF 1974 WAS A TIME OF PREPARATION FOR NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN THAILAND. WHILE THE SHAPE OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS UNCLEAR, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN THE RTG'S ACTIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST NARCOTICS.

9. REVIEW OF FY 1976 SUBMISSION:

A. ENFORCEMENT (MOI/TNPD)-

IN VIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL AMENDMENTS TO FAA DEFINING TRAINING PERMITTED AND THE PHASE OUT OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY, FY 76 PARTICIPANTS TO THE US ARE REDUCED TO 15 FOR A TOTAL OF \$30,000.

AFTER FURTHER EVALUATION, THE MISSION HAS REVISED ITS JUDGMENT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF PURCHASING TRAWLERS AND REQUESTED THAT FY 75 AND FY 76 FUNDS FOR TRAWLERS BE DELETED. THE MISSION IS CONSIDERING REQUESTING A MARINE MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST TDY TO EVALUATE AND ASSESS THE MARINE POLICE NARCOTICS OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE MARINE SPARE PARTS PLANNED IN FY 76.

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B. CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT -

AN EVALUATION OF THE CUSTOM PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 1975, WHICH IS MID POINT THE THE ANTICIPATED PROJECT LIFE. THE MISSION BELIEVES IT IS APPROPRIATE TO EXAMINE AND EVALUATE THE PROJECT SO NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES CAN BE MADE ON A TIMELY BASIS. THE APPROPRIATENESS OF PROJECTED US INPUTS WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED. ACTION ON THE FY 75 PROGRAM WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER THE EVALUATION. HOWEVER, AT THIS TIME, IT APPEARS THE FY 75 PROGRAM WILL BE REDUCED TO ABOUT \$1,150,000 AND THE FY 76 PROGRAM INCREASED ACCORDINGLY TO ABOUT \$2,000,000.

MAJOR DECISIONS ON THE TYPE AND NUMBER OF BOATS REQUIRED FOR THE RTG CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WILL BE MADE AFTER THE EVALUATION  
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IS COMPLETED. HOWEVER, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE FY 76 PROGRAM BE ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE 6 (SIX) 38-44' BOATS IN PLACE OF THE 2 (TWO) 65' BOATS FOR THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY. THE SMALLER BOATS MEET RTG CUSTOMS OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND WILL BE MORE ECONOMICAL TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN.

PART II - SEMI ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 1974

1 STATUS OF AGREEMENTS

A. PROJECT AGREEMENTS

1) NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

NO. 238-5010 NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT (WITH REVISIONS) SIGNED  
OCTOBER 9, 1974.

NO. 239-5013 CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT (WITH REVISIONS) SIGNED  
NOVEMBER 27, 1974.

2) PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION - NONE.

3) CROP/INCOME SUBSTITUTION.

NO. 241-5004 - HIGHLAND DEVELOPMENT (WITH REVISIONS) SIGNED  
AUGUST 16, 1974.

B. NARCOTICS TECHNICAL SUPPORT AGREEMENTS

1) NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

NO. AID 493-094-T. LETTER OF AGREEMENT - NSC ROAD SURVEY,  
DATED NOVEMBER 26, 1974.

2) PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION - NONE.

3) CROP/INCOME SUBSTITUTION

NO. AID 493-095-T. LETTER OF AGREEMENT - LDD GEOGRAPHICAL  
SURVEY, DATED NOVEMBER 26, 1974.

NO. AID-493-096-T. LETTER OF AGREEMENT - PWD SOCIO-ECONOMIC  
SURVEY, DATED DECEMBER 2, 1974.

2. OBLIGATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

A. OBLIGATIONS

1) PERSONNEL \$27,000

2) EQUIPMENT \$5,000

3) PASA/CONTRACT SERVICES \$339,000

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4) OTHER \$26,255

5) TRAINING \$0

TOTAL \$397,255

B. EXPENDITURES

1) PERSONNEL \$25,000

2) EQUIPMENT \$0

3) PASA/CONTRACT SERVICES \$16,000

4) OTHER \$26,255

5) TRAINING \$0

TOTAL \$67,255

## 3. EQUIPMENT

## A. DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD. (\$218,337)

	TYPE	QTY	COST
1) ENFORCEMENT			
	MOTORCYCLES	110	\$31,900
	TELECOM. EQUIPMENT -		48,081
	TRAINING EQUIPMENT -		1,244
TOTAL			\$81,225

2) CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT			
	VHF-FM MOBILE STATIONS (& ACCESSORIES)	10	\$11,585
	UTILITY TRUCKS	7	32,020
	SEDANS	10	40,862
	VHF-BASE RADIO (& ACCESSORIES)	2	10,207
TOTAL			\$94,674

3) HIGHLAND DEVELOPMENT			
	CANNING EQUIPMENT & GENERATORS	1	\$42,438

## B. PIPELINE - (\$5,441.569)

1) ENFORCEMENT  
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	TELECOM EQUIPMENT -		\$546,935
	TRAINING, VISUAL VIDEO EQUIPMENT -		98,265
	VEHICLES	65	263,220
	HELICOPTERS & PARTS	5	4,100,000
	RADAR	12	46,200
	OUTBOARD MOTORS -		23,500
TOTAL			\$5,078,120

2) CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT			
	TELECOM EQUIPMENT -		\$134,000
	PATROL BOATS	5	63,000
	OUTBOARD MOTORS	20	57,800
	VEHICLES	10	48,849
TRAINING EQUIPMENT			- 9,800
TOTAL			\$313,449

3) HIGHLAND DEVELOPMENT

CANNING EQUIPMENT &  
GENERATORS 1 LOT \$50,000

4) SUPPORT COSTS 1,166

5) TRAINING: AID

IN-COUNTRY-NONE

REGIONAL - NONE

US - 3 - TNPED/EDUCATION BUREAU

IPA NARCOTICS MANAGEMENT)

6) PERSONNEL: AID - 11

STATE - 2

USDA - 1

DEA - 20

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